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SUBJECT: VA: FRANKLIN C. BLURE C 13 325 509

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1. VETERANS BENEFITS OFFICE WASHINGTON INFORMED DEPT THAT AGENCY HAD NO RECORD OF ANY APPLICATION FOR EDUCATIONAL OR DISABILITY BENEFITS SUBMITTED BY FRANKLIN CARL BLURE.

2. SUBJECT'S MOTHER, MRS. PATRICK BLURE (TEL 716-381-6316), STATED HE DID RECEIVE EDUCATIONAL BENEFITS UNTIL DEC. 1973 WHILE ENROLLED AT UNIV. OF ROCHESTER IN N.Y. SHE STATED HE QUIT SCHOOL ABOUT THAT TIME. BEFORE DEPARTING FOR EUROPE BLURE MAY HAVE DISCUSSED PLANS TO ATTEND SCHOOL ABROAD WITH VA OFFICE IN WASHINGTON. MRS. BLURE UNCERTAIN WHICH OFFICE HE VISITED OR WHETHER HE COMPLETED NECESSARY APPLICATIONS TO REACTIVATE HIS EDUCATIONAL BENEFITS WHILE ATTENDING FOREIGN SCHOOL. IF, IN FACT, BLURE DID NOT ADVISE VA HE WAS RETURNING TO SCHOOL AND DID NOT HAVE NEW INSTITUTION (IN LONDON OR PALERMO) COMPLETE FORMS CONFIRMING HIS ENROLLMENT, IT VERY LIKELY BENEFITS NOT REACTIVATED. IT IS NOT CLEAR FROM REFERENCED TELEGRAMS IF HE ATTENDED MEDICAL SCHOOL IN LONDON PRIOR TO

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ARRIVAL IN ITALY, THEREFORE CHECKS MAY BE GOING TO UK

ADDRESS. ANY FURTHER INFO FROM VETERAN REGARDING SCHOOL ENROLLMENT AFTER UNIV OF ROCHESTER WOULD BE HELPFUL.

CONSULATE MAY WISH TO QUERY AMEMBASSY LONDON ABOUT CHECKS IF IT DEVELOPS THAT BLURE WAS ATTENDING SCHOOL IN U.K.

3. IN ANY CASE VA PURSUING SEARCH FOR BLURE FILE THROUGH N.Y. OFFICES AND POST WILL BE KEPT INFORMED OF NEW DEVELOPMENTS.

4. FYI DEPT DID NOT INTRODUCE SUBJECT OF BLURE'S FINANCIAL STATUS WITH MOTHER AS SUBJECT DESIRED NO HELP FROM THAT SOURCE. MRS. BLURE, HOWEVER, STATED FAMILY STRONGLY OPPOSED TO HIS TRAVEL OVERSEAS AND WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO EXTEND ANY FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO FACILITATE RETURN TO U.S. OR TIDE VETERAN OVER UNTIL VA BENEFITS ARRIVE. ACCORDING MOTHER, BLURE ATTEMPTED TO TELEPHONE COLLECT FROM ITALY RECENTLY AND FAMILY REFUSED TO ACCEPT CALL. KISSINGER

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